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SUMMARY: IATA/NTIAA USER CHARGE MEETINGS WILL TAKE
PLACE MAY 24 AND 25. ISSUES APPEAR CLOSE TO RESOLUTION.
EMBASSY HAS, NEVERTHELESS, RELAYED OFFICIAL USG
POSITION AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL TO JCAB WITH REQUEST THEY
PASS IT ON TO NTIAA. END SUMMARY.

1. PAN AM MEMBER OF IATA USER CHARGE GROUP HAS VERIFIED
THAT USER CHARGE DISCUSSIONS WITH NEW TOKYO INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT AUTHORITY (NTIAA) WILL TAKE PLACE MAY 24 AND 25.
REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT ISSUES, AS OUTLINED
PARA 1 REFTEL, WILL "PROBABLY" BE RESOLVED THIS WEEK.
SIXTEEN HUNDRED YEN LANDING FEE WAS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON
DURING MARCH SESSION; ISSUE IS HOW LONG IT WILL CONTINUE
IN EFFECT WITHOUT BEING RAISED. IN REGARD TO NEW
PASSENGER CHARGE, NTIAA HAS ALREADY AGREED TO ALLOW
ITSELF TO BE IDENTIFIED AS THE SOURCE OF THE TAX AND TO
LET THE AIRLINES IDENTIFY THEMSELVES ONLY AS "COLLECTING
AGENTS". THERE IS SOME RUMOR THAT NTIAA WISHES TO RAISE
THE AMOUNT OF THE PASSENGER CHARGE TO 1500 YEN BUT THE
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IATA GROUP IS WAITING UNTIL THE MEETINGS ACTUALLY
COMMENCE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS ON THIS.

2. AFTER CHECKING OUT THE ABOVE, EMBOFF WENT AHEAD AND
TELEPHONED JCAB RELAYING USG POSITION THAT SHOULD
A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE USER CHARGES ISSUE
NOT BE REACHED THIS WEEK, U.S. CARRIERS SHOULD CONTINUE

TO BE ASSESSED USER FEES NO HIGHER THAN THE CURRENT ONES
THEY HAVE BEEN PAYING AT HANEDA. SINCE WE WERE UNABLE
TO REACH ANY NTIAA OFFICIALS DIRECTLY, WE ASKED THE JCAB
TO RELAY THIS POSITION TO THEM AS WELL. WE ALSO INDICATED
WE WERE HOPEFUL AN AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED
AS THERE HAD BEEN REAL PROGRESS ON THE ISSUES.

3. PAN AM IATA REP HAS PROMISED TO FILL US IN AFTER
THE DISCUSSIONS ARE OVER. EMBASSY STRONGLY HOPES THAT
THE AGREEMENT IATA AND NTIAA REACH ON THE NARITA USER
CHARGE ISSUE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE USG AS WELL.

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